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Sir:

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the Claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Previously Amended) A ventilation apparatus for mounting in a garage door including:

a rectangular shaped base support member [having an opening formed therein[;],
the base support member including a first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members, a first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending members, one of the vertically extending members being coupled between each end portion of the pair of horizontally extending members so that an opening is formed in the base support member between the first pair of horizontally extending members and the first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending members, a second pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members, each one of the second pair of horizontally extending members being perpendicularly coupled to one of the first pair of horizontally extending members,

a second pair of spaced vertically extending members, each one of the second pair of vertically extending members being perpendicularly coupled to one of the first pair of vertically extending members;

a first rectangular shaped tracking member having an opening formed therein, aligned in [the] a first portion[s] of the base support member opening [in the base support member];

a first transparent member coupled in the first tracking member opening [in the first tracking member];

a second rectangular shaped tracking member having an opening formed therein the second rectangular shaped tracking member being aligned in [first and second portions of the opening] the entire base support member opening [adjacent the first tracking member];

a second transparent member mounted for slidable movement in the second tracking member opening [in the second tracking member] so that the second transparent member can be moved to a first position in adjacent alignment with the first transparent member causing [so that the] a second portion[s] of the base support member opening [in the base support member are] to be covered and can be moved to a second position out of the adjacent alignment with the first transparent member causing [so that] the second portion[s] of [the opening in] the base support member opening to be uncovered [are open];

a plurality of predetermined spaced apertures formed in the rectangular shaped base support member for aligning and facilitating the attaching of the rectangular shaped base support member to an upper most panel of the garage door; and

a plurality of fastening members one of the plurality to be mounted in a predetermined one of the spaced apertures in the rectangular shaped base support member for attaching the rectangular shaped base support member to the uppermost panel of the garage door.

Claim 2 (Original). A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 1 further including a means supported in the opening in the base support member for covering the first and second transparent members.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Amended) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 2 [4] wherein the first tracking member includes:

a first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending tracks each one of the tracks being coupled to one of the second spaced aligned horizontally extending members; and

a first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending tracks one of the vertically extending tracks being coupled between each outermost end portion of the pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending tracks on an adjacent one of the second pair of spaced aligned vertically extending members.

Claim 6. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 5 wherein the first transparent member includes a piece of Plexiglas.

Claim 7. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 6 wherein the second track member includes:

a second pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending tracks aligned adjacent to the first pair of horizontally extending tracks; and

a second pair of spaced aligned vertically extending tracks aligned adjacent to the first pair of vertically extending tracks, one of the second vertically extending tracks being coupled between each outermost end portions of the second pair of horizontally extending tracks.

Claim 8. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 7 wherein the second transparent member includes a piece of Plexiglas.

Claim 9. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 8 wherein the covering means includes a screen.

Claim 10. (Previously Amended) A ventilation apparatus for mounting in a garage door including:

a rectangular shaped base support member [having an opening formed therein], the base support member including a first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members[;], a first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending member, one of the vertically aligned extending members being coupled between each end portion of the pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members so that an opening is formed in the base support member between the first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members and the first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending members [is formed therebetween][;], a second pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members, each one of the second pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members being perpendicularly coupled to one of the first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending members[;], a second pair of spaced aligned vertically extending members, each one of the second pair of spaced aligned vertically extending members being perpendicularly coupled to one of the first pair of vertically extending members;

a first rectangular shaped tracking member having an opening formed therein, aligned in the base support member opening [in the base support member];

a first transparent member slidably coupled in the first tracking member opening [in the first tracking member] so that the first transparent member can be moved to a position so first portions of the base support member opening [in the base support member] are closed and can be moved to another position so that the opening is open;

a second rectangular shaped tracking member having an opening formed therein aligned in the base support member opening [in the base support member] adjacent the first tracking member;

a second transparent member mounted for slidable movement in the second tracking member opening [in the second tracking member] so that the second transparent member can be moved to a position to cover [the] second portions of the base support member opening [in the base support member] and so that the second transparent member can be moved to a position so that the second portions of the base support member opening [in the base support member] [is] are [open] uncovered;

a plurality of predetermined spaced apertures formed in the rectangular shaped base support member for aligning and facilitating the attaching of the rectangular shaped base support member to an upper most panel of the garage door; and

a plurality of fastening members one of the plurality to be mounted in a predetermined one of the spaced apertures in the rectangular shaped base support member for attaching the rectangular shaped base support member to the uppermost panel of the garage door.

Claim 11. (Canceled)

Claim 12. (Canceled)

Claim 13. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 12 wherein the first tracking member includes:

a first pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending tracks each one of the tracks being coupled to one of the second horizontally extending members; and

a first pair of spaced aligned vertically extending tracks one of the vertically extending tracks being coupled between each outermost end portion of the pair of horizontally extending tracks on an adjacent one of the second pair of spaced vertically extending members.

Claim 14. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 13 wherein the first transparent member includes a piece of Plexiglas.

15. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 14 wherein the second track member includes:

a second pair of spaced aligned horizontally extending tracks aligned adjacent to the first pair of horizontally extending tracks; and

a second pair of spaced aligned vertically extending tracks aligned adjacent to the first pair of vertically extending tracks, one of the second vertically extending tracks being coupled between each outermost end portions of the second pair of horizontally extending tracks.

Claim 16. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 15 wherein the second transparent member includes a piece of Plexiglas.

Claim 17. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 16 further including a covering means for covering the transparent members.


Claim 18. (Original) A ventilation apparatus as defined in Claim 17 wherein the covering means includes a screen.

Claims 19-34 (Withdrawn)

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 16, 2004, the application has been found to be in non-compliance because each claim has not been provided with proper status identifier, and as such , the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.

Claims 19 through 34 will be withdrawn from this application with the filing of continuation in part application, Application number 10/840,591 filed May 7, 2004.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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